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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NONENZYMATIC LIGATION OF
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND DETECTION OF GENETIC
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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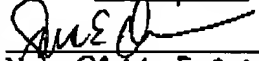
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from March 31, 2003 to May 31, 2003. Because May 31, 2003 falls on a Saturday, the request is effective for a carryover to June 2, 2003, the next business day.

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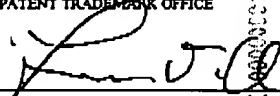
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